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Bolivia: The attempt to assassinate air force commander Barrientos early on the morning of 25 February reflects the political unrest which is continuing in anticipation of the June elections.

Vice President Lechin's pro-Communist sector of the ruling Nationalist Revolutionary Movement, together with the newly emerged anti-Paz sector of the party which Barrientos helped to organize, will probably seize upon the incident to level new attacks upon Paz' leadership. A campaign to implicate the government in the attempted assassination could cost Paz support in his bid for re-election.

Barrientos has considerable support among the numerous, but unorganized peasants--many of them armed with rifles--in the Cochabamba Valley. Demonstrations in this area could lead to more widespread violence.

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Brazil - Communist China: Diplomatic relations may be established between Brazil and Communist China, according to President Goulart's press secretary, Raul Ryff.

Ryff, a well-known Communist, publicly intimated that the opening of a Chinese trade office in Rio de Janeiro would be a prelude to official relations. Last week a high-level Foreign Ministry official confirmed that such an office will be opened soon.

The Brazilian foreign minister has stated [redacted]

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[redacted] that Brazil does not intend to establish diplomatic relations with Communist China at this time, and will await developments--especially those during the next session of the UN General Assembly. [redacted]

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Nigeria: A major political dispute threatening the unity of Nigeria--Africa's most populous country --is likely to break out following yesterday's release of preliminary results of a controversial census.

The government figures confirm that the Muslim-dominated Northern region has over half of the country's population. This would ensure its retention of an absolute majority in the federal legislature, for which elections are due by the end of this year.

Southerners have been increasingly restless under northern domination of the federal government and are likely to contest the figures. A 1962 census resulted in extensive wrangling and it was eventually nullified.

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Ghana: Dissatisfaction with the Nkrumah regime seems certain to intensify as a result of the government's revocation on 22 February of most import and export licenses. This action will disrupt commercial activity and aggravate existing shortages of certain imported consumer items. Discontent over economic conditions has been growing in Ghana, and the new problems, which almost certainly will include price increases, could result in popular demonstrations against the regime.

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